

Wheatcroft School



End of Term Newsletter

July 2021





Mrs Miller's Message



As we come to the end of the academic year, I feel so proud of everything we have achieved as a school community. It was not the year we were expecting; however, this hasn't stopped our staff and pupils working hard to do their very best. There have been many highlights this year and it is hard to choose; one thing that stands out is how confident our children have been whilst recording their productions. They have been a joy to watch and have shown what great performers they are. I know we have already enjoyed the nativity plays earlier in the year, and I hope that our Key Stage 2 parents will enjoy watching our most recent recordings as much as we all have.

Our children have also enjoyed many sporting opportunities in the most recent months and my thanks go to all the staff who have helped to support with these. Mrs Woodier as our PE lead has done an amazing job of ensuring all year groups have experienced as much as they can under 'bubble' rules.

There has also been much going on behind the scenes this year: my thanks go to Mr Dicker, Mrs Coates, our Senior Leadership Team and our office staff who I'm sure you can imagine have had much more unexpected work put on them; they have been such a huge support to our school.

My thoughts are with all our children and staff who have spent the last few days of our term in isolation but thank you to them for staying on our live lessons and continuing to work during these times.

Our Year 6 cohort have been amazing and I wish them all the very best as they move onto their secondary schools. Our year 6 graduation was a lovely way of saying goodbye to them all; I know that Miss Dienel's words will remain with them for a long time. They are a cohort to be proud of and should leave us with their heads held high.

We are so lucky at Wheatcroft to have such a dedicated team of staff who really do work so hard for our school and children. I cannot thank them all enough for everything they have done this year and the commitment they have shown. I hope that they can all now have the summer break they truly deserve. I wish lots of luck to our staff members who are moving on at the end of this year and will be missed by us all.

My thanks also go out to our parent body for all your support with home learning, all of your kind words of support and encouragement and all the gifts you have so kindly given to our staff. We really do appreciate all the support you give to the school - thank you.

I really hope that September will bring a little more normality to the school day and as we begin our summer break, our current plans are to move back to our normal times of children entering between 8:45-8:55am. Of course if anything changes we will let you know.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you all again in the new academic year.

With very best wishes

Mrs D Miller

Headteacher



Summer Term in EYFS



We have had a fantastic Summer Term in Early Years Foundation Stage with lots of exciting activities. For our Under the Sea topic we created lots of lovely sea creatures and we had a great day dressing up as pirates and mermaids.

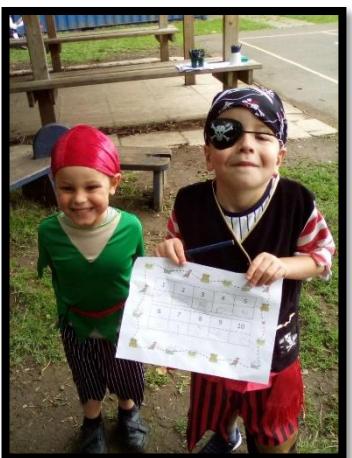
We had great fun at our sports days, and enjoyed taking part in different events.



“I love playing with the dinosaurs.” “I love everything at Nursery.”

“I really enjoyed making a boat and a hat.”

“I love writing and learning in Reception.”



It has been a fantastic end of the year for EYFS. It has been lovely to see everyone working together and learning lots of new skills.

Summer Term in KS1

We have had a busy Summer Term in Key Stage 1. We have had fun learning different sports in our PE lessons as well as learning to compose our music using a range of instruments.



We also had fun learning about the Amazon rainforest and creating our own models of the different layers. We also explored how to code using the beebots as well as coding on Scratch.



Summer Term in LKS2



It has been an exciting end of term for the children in Lower Key Stage 2. The children have loved the exciting curriculum on offer. They enjoyed the recent trip to Celtic Harmony, learning all about the Stone Age. They also recorded the production for 'What's The Crime Mr Wolf and partook in the school-wide International Day. The children worked together in their teams to have a successful Sports Day!



"I loved completing the D&T project where we made moving posters. It was fun being creative."

"I liked when we selected leaves from our forest school and created an imprint of them on clay."



It has been a fantastic end of the year for LKS2. We have seen all of the children work really hard and they should take great pride in their accomplishments. We wish everyone the best for next year!



Summer Term in LKS2



What a busy term it has been in Upper Key Stage 2! We have been very busy with trips to Go Ape and also the Lego Robot workshop!



We have also been really busy completing lots of work to support our Ancient Greece topic. Clay was a real highlight and we loved our tiles and Greek pots – it was harder than it looked! We have also worked really hard on our virtual performance of ‘Time Lord’.



Year 6 enjoyed their ‘sort of SATs’ breakfast – thank you to Mrs Braddock and they also enjoyed completing virtual transition activities with their new schools.

We are very proud of all that our children have achieved. We are excited to welcome Years 4 and 5 to Upper Key Stage 2 next year and wish Year 6 all the best for their new schools.



Summer Term P.E.



This term we have enjoyed lots of opportunities to take part in sporting activities. Each phase has had a sports day and we have had Mr Palmer in school to take some PE lessons. Reception and Year 1 have had balanceability sessions and Mr Mallet has run his lunch time and after school football club as well as taking Reception children for some football coaching.

We have also been able to run after school clubs for netball, athletics, boxing and fitness and rugby which the children have really enjoyed.



"I liked finishing athletics club with races." "At netball club I enjoyed practising shooting and working with different people." "Boxing cub was brilliant." "We learnt lots at Rugby club and the coach was fantastic." "We loved having a football lesson in school."



Thank you to the staff who have given up their time to run our after school clubs. We are looking forward to lots more sporting events in September.



Trips and Activities



This term it has been lovely to be able to organise some trips and activities for our children.

EYFS had a great day on Pirate and Mermaid day. We made treasure boxes and boats and had a treasure hunt. We all dressed up as pirates, mermaids or sea creatures.

In Key Stage 1 we had a fantastic day creating our own rainbows, and making volcanic eruptions as well as exploring solids and liquids.



Lower Key Stage 2 attended Celtic Harmony Camp – our favourite activity was ‘hunting’. We threw ‘spears’ through holes, whilst completing an obstacle course.” Year 6 enjoyed sailing through the skies at Go Ape; the zip line was a real highlight! Year 5 are looking forward to their rescheduled trip to Bushcraft next term. Finally, Year 6 enjoyed their graduation and it was lovely to be able to celebrate the end of their time with us. Good luck Year 6!



Thank you to our staff who have been able to organise the trips and activities and also the children for being so enthusiastic in their participation!



Message from the Chair of Governors



Wow what a year this has been for everyone!

Since being elected Chair in September 2020, I like all the Governors have had very little chance to actually come into school to meet the children, staff and parents.

We have however been very busy behind the scenes with regular meetings via Teams and Zoom and phone calls.

Each Governor is linked to a member of staff who leads a subject or key phase. Governors have continued to meet (virtually) with the staff. A special concern has been the time children have been out of school but I was very pleased to meet with the Schools Improvement Partner who was very enthusiastic about all that has been put in place to enable the children to progress with their learning.

The Finance and Premises Working Party meet before the full Governing body meeting and we are very excited about the projects taking place during the summer holidays and the beginning of next half term.

There have been changes to the Governing Body this year. David Suddick has moved away and at our last meeting we said goodbye to John Drewery who has been a Governor and past chair for many many years. We have welcomed Angela Cox, a coopted Governor and two new Parent Governors Simon Foster and Hayley Reader

I would, on behalf of the Governing body, like to thank the whole of the Wheatcroft community for their commitment to the school. The staff have worked incredible hard during the pandemic, so a huge thank you to them.

Also, a big thank you to all the parents for your support during this trying year.

Hopefully next academic year Governors will be able to have more contact with the whole school community.

I would like to wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best as they move onto their Secondary schools.

Wishing you all a very happy summer holiday. Enjoy this precious time with your children.

Kindest regards

Judith Sparks

Chair of Governors



Term Dates



Autumn Term 2021

Thurs 2 nd September	Start of Autumn Term
Mon 25 th - Fri 29 th October	Autumn Half Term
Fri 26 th November	Occasional Day – School Closed
Tues 21 st December	End of Autumn Term

Spring Term 2022

Thurs 6 th January	Start of Spring Term
Mon 14 th - Fri 18 th February	February Spring Half Term
Fri 1 st April	End of Spring Term

Summer Term 2022

Weds 20 th April	Start of Summer Term
Mon 2 nd May	Early May Bank Holiday
Mon 30 th May - Fri 3 rd June	Summer Half Term
Weds 20 th July	End of Summer Term

Autumn Term 2022

Start Date TBC